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Upcoming public event

TMP Celebration
Thursday, May 12
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

*Celebrate completion of the
Transportation Master Plan. Join
Mayor Rosemarie Ives and the
Redmond City Council for great food,
live music, and a dynamic speaker,
Joe Riley, former Mayor of Charleston,
South Carolina.*

The time for final review is here...

Comments from Open House

This open house was held on January 20. Over 40 residents and business people attended to review the exhibits and make comments to City officials and staff. This information is helping staff and the City's consultant, Charlier Associates, Inc, to fine tune the draft plan for Council.

Some of the comments made:

- *Great you have made Redmond bicycle friendly at last!*
- *Glad you are trying to integrate needs of different components of society here.*
- *I'm all for high-capacity transit!*
- *Would like to see better and more frequent transit service to and from the U-District and eastside Community College campuses.*
- *Crossing Bear Creek Parkway as a pedestrian is safer than it used to be, but how will it be handled given the plan to extend Bear Creek Parkway?*
- *The presented layout of the various classes of arterials and the linkages that are earmarked to be made in the future makes sense.*
- *There is a Redmond Bicycle Guide; there should be a Redmond Pedestrian Guide.*
- *Please advocate for local transit access inside Redmond.*

The Transportation Master Plan

has been in development for several years and is nearing completion. This document will serve as a blueprint for the planning, construction, and funding of transportation projects in Redmond for the next two decades.

For the past several months, City staff and consultants have been developing a draft TMP. The draft TMP represents feedback from the public meetings and workshops that took place in spring and summer of this year, along with input from City Council, the Planning Commission, City staff, and local and national experts.

Project Schedule: City of Redmond staff have reviewed a complete draft of the TMP and delivered the revised edition to City Council the end of January (available at www.connectingredmond.gov). Council met in a weekend retreat in early February to begin the review process. Discussion of the Transportation Master Plan will occupy most of the Council's study sessions (second and fourth Tuesday of the month) through April. These sessions are cablecast on RCTV 21 and the public is welcome to observe from the Council Chamber's gallery. Public comment is always welcome at the beginning of every business Council meeting (first and third Tuesday of the month) during items from the audience. A public hearing will be held sometime in the spring before the Council formally adopts the plan.

The City did host a public workshop in January, to present and gather feedback on the multimodal elements of the plan with special attention paid to the thoroughfare section. Over 40 interested residents and businesses attended, asking questions of and making comments to City officials and staff (see sidebar).

Staff and consultants will take this input – along with comments from Council and Planning Commission – and develop a third iteration of the TMP.

A public workshop in March was the final open house for the TMP, though public comment opportunities are still available through Council meetings. The public had a chance to see the current draft of the plan and discuss the highlights with City officials and staff.

Council is on schedule to adopt the TMP in late spring 2005.